

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/811,299

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to after final amendment, filed 5 September 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 15.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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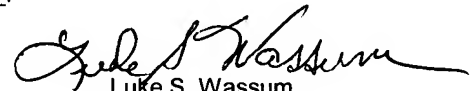
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The Applicant's amendment, filed 5 September 2007, has been received, entered into the record, and considered.

2. As a result of the amendment, claims 1-14 have been canceled, and claim 15 has been amended. Claim 15 remains pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claim 15 is allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention is directed to an interactive lifetime journal system including a database for storing journal information and an interface for presenting the user with prompts or questions to collect the user's life history, ideas and stories.

The closest prior art of record, **Family History Products** through their MemoryGrabber product, teaches a system for creating an autobiography through the

use of prompts and questions used to elicit the user's recollections, thoughts and ideas (see disclosure that MemoryGrabber provides a series of questions designed to prompt entry of events into a life timeline to preserve the user's unique life story, pages 1-4 et seq.).

However, **Family History Products** fails to anticipate or render obvious the recited feature of an interactive lifetime journal system comprising a central database for storing contact information of the user and another user, adapted so that each of the user and the other user can update their own contact information and access the other's contact information, as in claim 15.

While the concept of managing a centralized database of contact information was well known in the art, an ordinary artisan at the time of the invention would likely not have been motivated to incorporate such a feature into a lifetime journaling system as claimed, based upon the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Luke S. Wassum whose telephone number is 571-272-4119. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:30, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John R. Cottingham can be reached on 571-272-7079. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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